## What is claimed is:

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1.	A method for selectively	eproducing locally stored programming signals
omprising,	in combination, the steps of:	

storing a first set of separate programming segments at a client location, at said client location, employing processing means to derive identification data from each of said first set of separate programming segments,

transmitting said identification data from said client location to a remote processing location,

at said remote processing location, comparing said identification data with a database containing identification information and associated content descriptions for each of a second set of programming segments to identify common program segments found in both said first and said second set of programming segments.

transmitting from said remote processing location to said client location selected ones of content descriptions stored in said database which describe said common program segments, and

at said client location, presenting said selected content descriptions to a user to facilitate the selective processing of said common program segments.

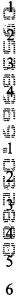
- 2. The method set forth in claim 1 wherein at least some of said programming signals are recorded musical performances.
- 3. The method set forth in claim 2 wherein at least some of said content descriptions specify one or more attributes of the corresponding recorded musical performance from the group of attributes consisting of the title, performer, composer, and date of the corresponding recorded musical performance.
- 4. The method set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of storing said first set of programming signals comprises receiving and recording broadcasted programming signals.



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5.	The method set forth in cl	aim 4 wherein said identification signals contained in said	
database a	re derived from said broadcas	ted programming signals received at said remote	
processing	location concurrently with th	reception and recording of said broadcast programming	
signals at s	said client location, and said c	ontent descriptions transmitted to said client location	
from said 1	remote processing location are	used at said client location to facilitate the selective	
time-shifted reproduction of said broadcast programming signals.			

- The method as set forth in 1 wherein said content descriptions transmitted from said 6. remote processing location to said client location include information specifying the beginning and ending time of each of said common program segments.
- 7. The method as set forth in claim 1 further including the steps of transmitting one or more selected ones of said common program segments from said client location to said remote processing location, and storing said selected common program segments at said remote processing location for subsequent retrieval.
- The method as set forth in claim 1 further including the steps performed at said 8. remote processing location comprising:

maintaining a stored library containing said second set of programming segments at said remote processing location,

accepting a retrieval request from said client location specifying one or more particular ones of said common program segments, and

responding to said request by transmitting to said client location the content of said one or more particular ones of said common program segments

9. The method set forth in claim 8 further comprising the steps of uploading a copy of a program segment stored locally at said client location to said remote processing location and



- storing the uploaded copy ins said stored library for later retrieval from said remote processing location.
- 10. The method set forth in claim 8 further including the steps of posting an entry in an accounting file upon the transmittal of said identification data to said remote processing location, subsequently transmitting a playback request identifying said client location and identifying a requested program segment, and authorizing the transmittal of said requested program segment if said accounting file contains data indicating that identification data for said requested program segment was previously transmitted from said client location.
- 11. The method set forth in claim 10 further including the step of disabling the playback of a local copy of an program segment when the remote playback of said program segment is authorized at said remote processing location.
- 12. The method set forth in claim 10 further including the step of disabling the transmittal of said requested program segment from said remote processing location when the playback of the copy of said requested program segment locally stored at said client location is enabled.
- 13. A method for selectively reproducing previously broadcast programming segments comprising, in combination, the steps of:

employing a first broadcast receiver at a client location for capturing a broadcast signal,

recording said broadcast signal in a local storage unit in a substantially continuous manner as said signal is received at said client location;

processing said broadcast signal at said client location to extract brief segments from the content of said broadcast signal,

utilizing a communications channel to transmit said brief segments from said client location to a remote processing location;

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20. The method set forth in claim 19 wherein said step of processing said available programs further includes selectively erasing designated ones of said available programs.